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Mr. Loyd Wright
Wright, Wright, Goldwater and Wright
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Dear Loyd:

Many thanks for letting me know about Mr. Payne's plans to be in Washington next month. I have set aside 3:30 P.M. on 30 July on my calendar and it is suggested that he call my office [] when he arrives to confirm this date. Although I cannot give Mr. Payne much hope for him to use some of our files in a television program, I shall be happy to meet with him and listen to his ideas.

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It was most thoughtful of you to let me know of your feelings about my brother and I thank you very much for your expression of appreciation for him.

With every best wish and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

1. Recommend that the Director inform Mr. Wright that he will be delighted to see John Payne, a movie actor and television performer of note, on July __, (whatever hour and date is convenient for the Director).

2. The purpose of Mr. Dulles seeing Actor Payne would be:

1.) As a favor to Mr. Wright who headed a Government Security Commission that, two years ago, issued an 800 page report with 26 "dark betrayals" by the press including Drew Pearson, et al.

2.) To listen to Mr. Payne's ideas as to why Mr. Dulles should permit Mr. Payne to utilize in a television program, "some of the closed files of the CIA."

3. This seems a rather strange request from Mr. Wright who continually scolds the U.S. press for "telling too much" to the communist governments.

4. John Payne is nationally known as an actor who appears in westerns.

Assistant to the Director

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
LOS ANGELES OFFICE

June 5, 1959.

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Honorable Allen Dulles,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:-

Recently I was in Washington to testify on certain phases of the Report of the Commission on Government Security, and at that time I wished to call and pay my respects. I deferred of course, because of your unhappy situation in the last illness of your distinguished brother. No words of mine of course, can add to the very deserved tributes that your brother received from all thinking people of the world.

I had hoped to make an arrangement whereby you would extend to Mr. John Payne a few minutes of your time, at your convenience, for these reasons:

1. Mr. Payne is a most intelligent and thoughtful citizen and has often expressed great admiration for the work of your Department, and I know that he would appreciate the opportunity of a visit with you;
2. You will recall that I once spoke to you about the possibility of Mr. Payne's utilizing in his television program some of the closed files of the C. I. A., in collaboration with the person in your Department whom you might assign, so that he might through this entertainment medium help implement the realization that must be brought to bear upon our citizens if we are ever to jar our people loose from their complacency and get them to make a realistic appraisal of the communist threat.

Honorable Allen Dulles - # 2 - June 5, 1959.

It is with the hope that you might extend Mr. Payne a few minutes of your time so that he might explain his proposal, that I write to ask if it would be convenient at any time on July 29th, 30th or 31st, at which time Mr. Payne will be in Washington, or sooner or later if it suits your convenience better. Mr. Payne would be most pleased to come to Washington to meet with you upon an indication of a suitable time.

With kindest personal regards, I am as always,

Most respectfully and sincerely,

Tom Downing Jr.

LW/AG